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TAGS: AORG, UNESCO (STANISLAW KOWNACKI)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: UNESCO PERSONNEL

ACTION RE STANISLAW KOWNACKI

REF: PARIS 14892; STATE 124042

1. UNESCO'S DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, COEYTAUX (SWISS NATIONAL), PERSONALLY REVIEWED ORGANIZATION'S FILE ON STANISLAW KOWNACKI AND WAS MOST COOPERATIVE WITH PERMDEL.
2. UNESCO HAS NO QUARREL WITH MR. KOWNACKI. IT HIRED HIM AS A CONSULTANT, AND EVEN EXTENDED HIS CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. WHILE MR. KOWNACKI WAS EMPLOYED AS CONSULTANT, UNESCO DID ASK HIM IF HE WAS THE AUTHOR OF LETTER TO EDITOR OF TIME MAGAZINE. MR. KOWNACKI DID NOT ANSWER THIS QUESTION AND UNESCO DID NOT PRESS HIM TO DO SO. UNESCO HAS NEVER ASKED THAT MR. KOWNACKI "VIOLATE" HIS RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH.
3. DEPARTMENT MAY FIND IT RELEVANT THAT MR. KOWNACKI DID TAKE UNESCO OATH WHICH WE QUOTE IN FULL. "I SOLEMNLY UNDERTAKE TO EXERCISE IN ALL LOYALTY, DISCRETION AND CONSCIENCE THE FUNCTIONS ENTRUSTED TO ME AS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF UNESCO, TO DISCHARGE THESE FUNCTIONS AND REGULATE MY CONDUCT WITH THE INTERESTS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNESCO ONLY IN VIEW, AND NOT TO SEEK OR ACCEPT

INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO THE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES
FROM ANY GOVERNMENT OR OTHER AUTHORITY EXTERNAL TO THE
ORGANIZATION."

4. PERMDEL BELIEVES MR. KOWNACKI HAD A REASONABLE
HEARING OF HIS COMPLAINT, THAT PROCEDURES APPLIED WERE
SAME AS APPLICABLE TO ALL UNESCO PERSONNEL AND WE CAN
FIND NO RPT NO EVIDENCE THAT HIS RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH WAS
VIOLATED BY UNESCO.
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